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Application Number	09/453,387
Filing Date	December 2, 1999
Examiner Name	Kruse, D.
First Named Inventor	Wilkins, Thea A.
Art Unit	1638
Attorney Docket Number	023070-095600US

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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s) Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

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Name (Print /Type)	Kevin Bastian	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	34,774
Signature		Date	May 29, 2003

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ ) 375

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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee

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SUBTOTAL (1)

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### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Extra Claims	Fees from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	.. =	X	
Independent Claims	.. =	X	
Multiple Dependent		X	

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50	Petitions related to provisional applications
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

WILKINS, Thea A.

Application No.: 09/453,387

Filed: December 2, 1999

For: COTTON TRANSCRIPTION  
FACTORS AND THEIR USES

Examiner: S. Baum

Art Unit: 1638

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7 and 20, please amend claim 1, 8, 11, and 19 to read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of modulating transcription in a cotton plant, the method comprising introducing into the cotton plant a recombinant expression cassette comprising a promoter sequence operably linked to a heterologous polynucleotide sequence encoding a cotton MYB polypeptide, wherein the polynucleotide comprises a sequence at least 80% identical to SEQ ID NO:1.

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